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SUBJECT: GNA DELEGATION TO VENEZUELA

1. AT THE INVITATION OF THS VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT, GNA DELEGATION HEADED BY MINPRES JUANCHO EVERTSZ, LEFT CURACAO MORNING AUGUST 23 ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO VENEZUELA AUGUST 23 TO 27. OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS: FINANCE MINISTER MAX CROES (PARTIDO POPULAR ARUBANO); TRANSPORT MINISTER JACKIE VOGES (WINDWARD ISLANDS); DRS. VIMI SERVAGE (CENTRAL BANK). ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, MEMBERS OF OPPOSITION PARTIES ALSO INVITED ATTEND IN INTEREST COMMON GNA FOREIGN POLICY; HOWEVER, BETICO CROES' MOVIMIENTO ELECTORAL DI PUEBLO (MEP), REFUSED TO JOIN THE DELEGATION AND PREPARED TELEGRAM TO THE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT "IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF ARUBA" WARNING THAT MINISTER PRESIDENT EVERTSZ "MAY NOT SPEAK IN THE NAME OF ARUBA DURING HIS STAY IN THE VENEZUELAN CAPITAL." IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE TELEGRAM WAS ACTUALLY SENT SINCE IT RAN INTO SOME DIFFICULTY IN THE ARUBAN ISLAND COUNCIL.

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2. AMONG THE ITEMS SLATED FOR DISCUSSION BY THE DELEGATION WITH

THEIR EXPECTED VENEZUELAN COUNTERPARTS: (A) THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTION AN UNDERSEA PIPELINE AND LAYING AN UNDERSEA CABLE CONNECTING VENEZUELA AND CURACAO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLYING FRESH WATER AND ELECTRICITY TO THE ISLAND; (B) GOV ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE UNITY OF THE NA; (C) NA PARTICIPATION IN VENEZUELAN DEVELOPMENT--JOINT VENTURES TO FINANCE NA USE AND PROCESSING OF VENEZUELAN RAW MATERIAL; (D) EXPANDED EMIGRATION OF NA YOUTH TO VENEZUELA FOR WORK AND STUDY; (E) IMPROVED FINANCIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES--RECIPROCITY IN BANKING OPERATIONS, ESTABLISHMENT OF NA BANK SUBSIDIARIES IN VENEZUELA; (F) ESTABLISHING VENEZUELAN INDUSTRIES IN THE NA; (G) RESOLUTION OF CERTAIN AVIATION PROBLEMS (CHARTER) BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. THE NA MINISTER PRESIDENT WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT VENEZUELA IN JULY FOR A MEDICAL CHECKUP. INASMUCH AS THIS VISIT DID NOT TAKE PLACE, IT IS PROBABLE THAT HE WILL USE A PORTION OF THE PRESENT VISIT FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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